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[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] LONDON, March 13.—The final crisis in the European situation growing out of the Near Eastern question has now been reached, and the issue of peace or war almost certainly will be decided within the next few days. This key to the solution lies in Vienna, not Belgrade, and it is idle to attempt to prophesy what will be the outcome. It may be said in general terms that opinion, official and otherwise, east of Berlin is pessimistic, while Western Europe continues hopeful.

There has been further evidence within the past few days of the view expressed in these dispatches that Austria would welcome any indiscreet act on the part of Serbia which would give her a moral excuse for a temporary military occupation of the territory.

It is safe to go a step further, and it is assumed that Austria will take possession of Serbia with or without further excuse if she thinks she can do so without provoking a general European war. That danger, however, amounts to almost certainty in the opinion of most observers outside of Vienna, in the present state of affairs. We must assume that the Austrian Foreign Office will make every effort within the next few days to manoeuvre into a position from which it can pursue aggressive measures with some show of justification. It already is forcing Serbia's hand by declaring the latter's pacific note to the powers unsatisfactory and ambiguous, and demanding direct negotiations on all the issues after Serbia has made her pacific intentions more explicit.

Serbia's Answer. Serbia's answer to this is expected on Tuesday. Her rulers now understand the Austrian attitude perfectly, and it is not to be expected that they will be so foolhardy as to play into Austria's hands by sending a reply that is anything but conciliatory. Still Serbia's public opinion is not altogether negligible, and it will be difficult for the minister to justify an attitude which may seem supine. It will not be possible, for example, for Serbia to abandon all idea of a European conference and consent to negotiate all questions with Austria direct. Nevertheless, Austria will certainly insist on the point, and she will receive within a few days what Von Aehrenthal calls "more accentuated" demands from Vienna.

This is everywhere interpreted to mean a virtual ultimatum, and that has been the case in the Belgrade government. A self-restraint of the Serbian becomes a more uncertain factor. So the world must expect a lot of sensational rumors and war talk during the next fortnight. But after the two far more dangerous features of the Balkan crisis during the winter, it is not absurd and revolting that a general conflagration originate from the minor point of friction.

## GOSSIP OF LONDON

Supperettes Seize Members from the House of Commons Restaurant.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] LONDON, March 13.—The result of a supperette invasion of House of Commons is the falling off in the restaurant receipts. The Commons restaurant has always been a paying concern, but since the members have been living in terror of invasions by the supperettes and all female visitors have been prohibited, various cozy luncheons, teas and dinners of the members and their friends have been abandoned, and the whole tone of Parliamentary life has been changed. Where members formerly cheerfully paid \$10 a head for dinner guests when wishing to dine alone or in groups, eating frugal meals at small expense, the restaurant used to be one of the best and smartest in London. It was not run for profit, hence the best food was given for the lowest price. Now it does not pay expenses, and sixty waiters were necessary; now seven fill the bill.

The fiscal estimates contain a provision for \$34,000 for an extension of the national gallery. Buildings are to be torn down around it to give the necessary space for the enlargement. The London dancing teachers continue agitating for the introduction of various dances at state balls. They are urging against program dances, which contain only two steps, and give his attention to this matter, because if he sets the example of elaborate program dances all London hostesses are sure to follow. They wish also the introduction of one new dance a year, which will make constant dancing lessons necessary.

Never have the services of trained nurses in London been more in demand than at the present time. It is practically impossible just now to get a nurse, especially since His Majesty has developed influenza. On the other hand, at ordinary times the number of women in this profession out of employment in London is so great that even the most skillful find it difficult to get work for seven months out of every year. To show the difference, sixty applications for nurses were refused this week at the London Hospital.

## PRIZED LETTER

President Washington Sent Gifts to Ancestors of the Times-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 13.—A descendant of Aaron Taft has become President of a "Greater United States" than was dreamed of in the former's philosophy. But though his vision did not reach out to cover the area now embraced in the realm of Uncle Sam, the last of the Tafts to live at Uxbridge, Mass., was deeply patriotic, and in 1780 he claimed the charm of his Country, whom he had doubtless helped to make the first President of the young republic.

His son, the famous Taft, General Washington's route from Boston to Hartford, from which place he wrote to his host the following letter, charming in kindly feeling and modest sincerity:

"Sir.—Being informed that you have given medals to one of your sons and called another after Mrs. Washington's family, and being, moreover, very much pleased with the modest innocence of your daughter, I have sent each of these girls a piece of chintz; and to Polly, who bears the name of Mrs. Washington, and who waited upon me at the house, I send five guineas, with which she may buy herself any little ornament she may want, or she may dispose of them in any other way more agreeable to herself. As I do not give these things with a view to having it talked of, or even to its being known, I do not wish to be informed of the matter; the better you will please me; but that I may be sure the chintz and money have got safe to hand, let Polly, who I dare say is equal to it, write me the line informing me thereof, directed to The President of the United States, New York. I wish you and your family well, and am, Sir, your obedient servant, 'GEORGE WASHINGTON.'"

This little incident, which showed the keen admiration General Washington felt for the Taft family, as well as his own appreciation of attention or service, occurred in the first year of his presidency. Many of the Tafts have since been on official tours, but it may be doubted if any of them have been anywhere more hospitably received than was the first President at the original home of the American ancestors of William Howard Taft, recently inaugurated twenty-sixth President of the United States.

## WILL IS FILED

Former Standard Oil Treasurer Left Valuable Estate to Benefactors.

NEW YORK, March 13.—The will of Wesley Hunt Tifford, the Standard Oil treasurer and secretary, who died March 2, filed to-day for probate, leaves to the grandnephew, Hunt Tifford Dickinson, a trust fund of \$1,000,000. The young man is to have until his twenty-first year as much of the income from this as the executor and trustee, Henry M. Tifford, brother of the testator, sees fit to allow. After that until the young man's thirty-fifth year, the entire income is to be paid him, and on his attaining his thirty-fifth year he is to have the \$1,000,000 fund free.

To the testator's brother, Richard C. Tifford, the income from \$250,000 is to be paid for life. To the sister, Mary T. Chastain, the income from \$150,000 is to be paid.

A niece, Elizabeth H. Bernstein, gets \$100,000; a cousin, Catherine Wood Ritzer, \$100,000; the cousin, Florence Bodley Davenport, \$30,000, and the cousin, Fannie T. C. Beard, \$10,000.

The residue of the enormous estate goes absolutely to the brother, Henry M. Tifford.

## WITH HIS CONSENT

Woman Cuts Off Husband in Will; Leaves Estate to Charity.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEW YORK, March 13.—"With full knowledge and consent of my husband, Arthur Russell Campbell, I have cut him off from my money; yet what he has received in his lifetime is more than I could have ever given him by legacy."

This is one of the clauses in the will of Mrs. Lizzie Taylor Campbell, filed to-day for probate in New York City. She is left an insurance policy on the life of the testatrix for \$2,000, and to Sister Mary Berardette, of the Foundling Hospital, a policy for \$1,000.

To friends, Mrs. Campbell bequeaths jewelry and other effects. She died October 10, 1908, at Denver, Col., where her husband is connected with the United States Mint.

## WOMEN POLICE

Des Moines Will Have Them As Protectors for Girls from "Mashers."

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] DES MOINES, IA., March 13.—Women police will be added to the force of Des Moines' bluestocks according to the recommendations of Superintendent of Police William Hamery, and Chief of Police William Hamery.

This city has been overrun by an army of "mashers," and scores of girls have been insulted, according to the police. The women police will be stationed at the principal downtown corners, at dancing halls and other places where the "mashers" have been a nuisance.

## GENERAL PALMER DEAD

Was Founder of Colorado Springs and Lived Estate of Millions.

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO., March 13.—General W. J. Palmer, founder of Colorado Springs, died at his country seat, Glen Eyrie, west of the city, late to-day. Death came as a result of a fall from a horse in October, 1906, which resulted in breaking his back. General Palmer has often been called the first citizen of Colorado. He leaves an estate valued at \$15,000,000.

## REFEREE APPOINTED

Will Take Testimony in the Divorce Suit of Mrs. Gould.

## BOTH COUNTRIES DENY ENGAGEMENT

Presidents of Both Nicaragua and Salvador Say No Hostilities.

## AMERICAN VESSELS MAINTAINING PEACE

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New York Court Allows John Armstrong Claim for \$15,000 in Fees.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEW YORK, March 13.—Supreme Court Justice Fitzgerald to-day directed the payment of \$15,000 to John Armstrong Chalmers, brother of former Lieutenant-Governor Stuyvesant Chalmers, and member of the Astor family.

The court order was granted at the instance of Thomas T. Sherman, committee of John A. Chalmers' person and estate in this State, who in 1899 Mr. Chalmers was declared insane and sent to the Bloomingdale Asylum. After he gained his freedom he had his name legally changed from Chalmers to Chalmers.

After escaping from the asylum in 1900 Mr. Chalmers fled to his estate, "The Merry Mills," at Cobham, Va., where he lived for some time. He then came to New York, and after a long stay he died. His estate was valued at \$1,000,000, and that, although he is leaving the quiet simple life of a country gentleman, he needs more money, as he desires to enlarge his library.

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## FUNERAL OF PRIEST

Thousands Follow Body of Murdered Priest to St. Stanislaus Church.

NEW YORK, March 13.—While the bells tolled the funeral call and the dirge was being sung in St. Stanislaus Polish Catholic Church, Belmont Avenue, New York, N. J., to-day, a thirteenth prisoner was arrested in connection with the murder of the Rev. Erasin Anson. The prisoner gave his name as Karl Kalskiewicz. Little information was given about the prisoner by the police, further than that he was a resident of Father Anson's parish. He was held in \$10,000 bail for further examination.

More than 10,000 persons were present at the funeral services of the murdered priest. Every inch of the church was filled, and several thousand persons, unable to get inside, waited without the doors. Bishop John J. Conboy, of the Newark diocese, and more than sixty priests were within the church hall.

Three more men were committed in \$10,000 bail each by Judge Herr in connection with the murder of the priest. The men are now being held in \$10,000 bail each, and one has been committed without bail on suspicion of complicity in the crime. The police expect to make four more arrests in connection with the murder.

The man accused, in a formal complaint made by Police Captain O'Connell, was being one of the trio of assassins, is William Oleseki, about thirty-five years old. He lived in Newark at one time, but has recently been living in New York City.

Rumors that Oleseki had made a confession to-day were not confirmed by the police. They say that the man has been put through a rigorous examination, but refuse to divulge what he said.

## BURSTS OF ANGER

"Be a Gentleman; Don't Be a Rat!"

CHICAGO, ILL., March 13.—His bursts of anger, his desperate attempts to control his emotions and appearance, his nervousness, his strained almost to the breaking point, marked the Chicago trial of the man who was charged with the murder of Senator Carmack.